



KPS NEWSLETTER

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Cast of 'The Calling'

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This Spring, we have much to celebrate, from our remarkable KPS Drama production, *The Calling*, to our achievements in sport; from KPS FC defeating Mill Hill International 7-1, to Adela's (Y11) victories at the London Schools Cross-Country Championships.

Teachers also added a range of creative lessons to the timetable, including Sixth Form Art trips to the Saatchi Gallery, and skateboarding lessons taught by experts during our Games sessions.

Across the school, we have seen a remarkable amount of dedication within every department, with staff doing their utmost to ensure that students look forward to coming to school each morning. We are most grateful for their hard work, and are very excited to share with you the highlights from this joyous Spring Term.

With best wishes,

Stephen Mellor, Headmaster

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SPRINGING INTO TERM

A Week of Creativity

During Arts Week in February, students enjoyed a wide variety of art, drama, and music events and activities, with opportunities to showcase their remarkable creative talents.

Our Year 12 A level art class visited the Tate Britain to enjoy the works of Henry Moore and Francis Bacon, while Year 7 took part in a painting workshop with a visiting artist.

In the theatre, Raqieb in Year 9 got the whole room singing with his impressive rendition of the Beatles classic, 'Hey Jude', during our Lunchtime Concert Series. Meanwhile, our acting enthusiasts in Year 9 and 10 participated in a Physical Theatre workshop with a West End professional, working together to dramatise verbal scenes entirely through movement.

The arts play a huge role in the life of KPS, and it was wonderful to enjoy another Arts Week celebrating our students' skills - and helping them to develop new ones!



Dragons, Rabbits, and Red Lanterns

Decorations hung from the ceilings across KPS, as we celebrated Chinese New Year with a host of cultural events and themed lessons.

Lower School students were joined by a UK-based, Chinese-language rock band who led a songwriting workshop, and performed an electrifying gig in our theatre.

At our Sixth Form, Mr. Wong led an assembly on both the history of the festival and the significance behind this year's Chinese zodiac, The Water Rabbit.

To close out the week, staff and students were presented with a traditional Chinese lunch by our in-house catering team!



"The Calling"

STANDING OVATIONS



KPS Drama Finds Its 'Calling'

This term, our Drama department pulled off one of its most ambitious productions to date, 'The Calling', a show full of impressive special effects, complex and moving themes, and ample opportunities to showcase the depth and range of our students' theatrical abilities.

The production featured a talented cast and crew from across the Lower School and Sixth Form, with accompanying music also performed by our students. As always, Mr Griffiths and our art students put together a fabulous set which transformed the theatre into the world of our hero.

Our students' enthusiasm for and dedication to the production was evident from the earliest rehearsals, as they put in countless hours to ensure that the production was every bit as good as they had imagined - and their efforts certainly paid off!

Spring House Music Competition

Coinciding perfectly with World Music Therapy Day on 1st March, the Spring House Music Competition focused on the healing power of music and its positive impact on wellbeing.

Students from every year group came together to showcase an abundance of musical talent.

Ranging from guitar to violin; classical to contemporary; audiences were taken on an emotional journey from respectful silence to toe-tapping, rapturous applause.

In the end, Walbrook were crowned the winners, though the sense of community spirit was so infectious that each musician left the stage feeling victorious.





Skates & Ladders Games Workshop

KPS ON THE RUN

A New Kind of 'Boarding' School

This term saw the introduction of Skateboarding Workshops to our Games sessions with expert instructors from Skates and Ladders.

Students spent several sunny afternoons exploring the fundamentals of the sport and navigating a course set up by their instructors. They quickly developed their confidence, with some even demonstrating some amateur gymnastics on their boards!

Decisive Victory for KPS FC

KPS FC won an impressive 7-1 victory in their fixture against Mill Hill International School, demonstrating remarkable skill, sportsmanship, and team spirit. We look forward to continuing to celebrate the successes of our sports teams next term – keep it up, KPS FC!



Karting Champions

Ben in Year 10 and Sviat in Year 9 participated in the British Schools Karting Championship, securing 1st and 3rd place respectively! Dan in Year 9 also won 6th place, ensuring all three have qualified for the regional finals in Mitcham.

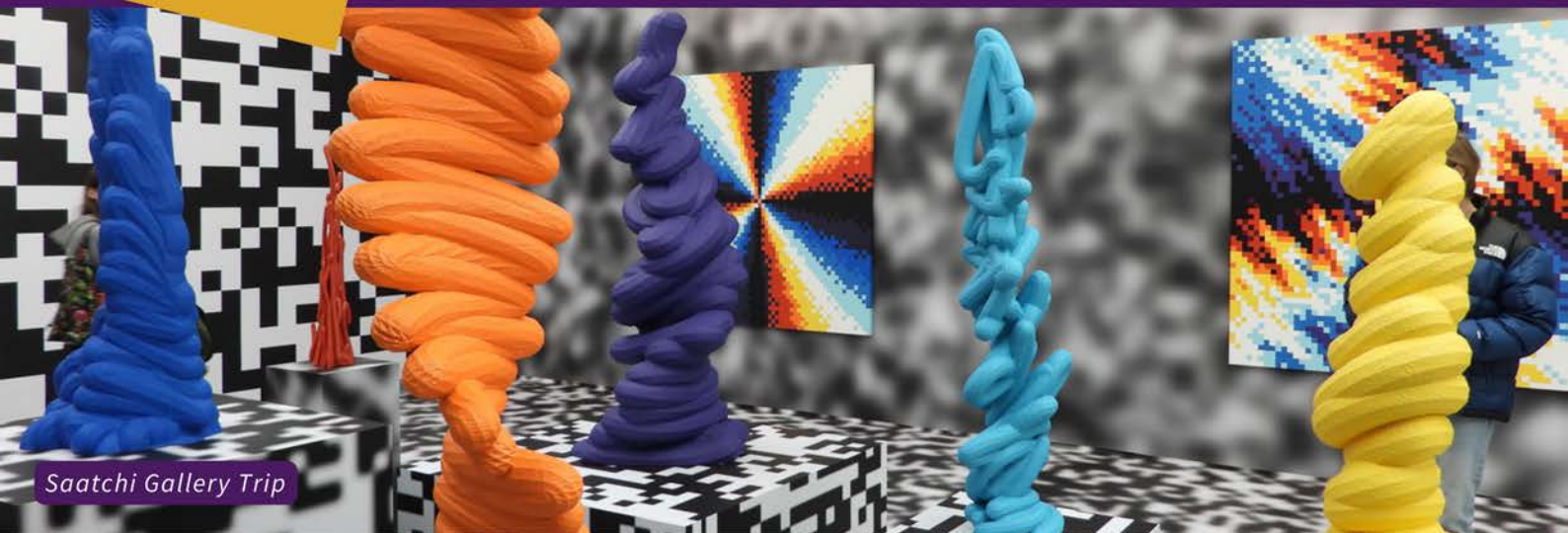
Their participation in the sport represents another example of the unique athletics opportunities that we offer and encourage beyond the walls of the classroom!



Adela Wins Gold

Earlier this term, Adela (Year 11) faced tough competition as she represented KPS in both the Intermediate and Senior Girls' categories at the London Schools Cross-Country Championships. Maintaining prime positions throughout, however, she rose to the challenge, securing two gold medals on behalf of the school.

Congratulations to Adela on her well-deserved victories!



Saatchi Gallery Trip

SIXTH FORM

Sixth Form Gives Back



Sixth Form students celebrated a Dress Down Day before the February half-term break to raise money for those affected by the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. As a sign of solidarity, students wore clothes and personal items that matched the flags of the two countries, raising nearly £200 for this vital cause.



For World Book Day, the Sixth Form Student Council gathered at the boarding house to bake some delicious and creatively designed cupcakes to sell during break. The money raised will go towards increasing the accessibility of books for children throughout the UK.



Art Beyond the Classroom

This term, our A level artists enjoyed two visits to the Saatchi Gallery where they saw the latest exhibitions: 'The New Black Vanguard', a celebration of black creativity behind and in front of the camera, and "Beyond the Streets of London," the largest street art exhibition to open in the UK. Students took part in an interactive workshop, creating paintings based on the artwork on display and gaining practical inspiration in preparation for their exam portfolios.

Chemistry in Action

To celebrate British Science Week, our A level Chemists attended a 'Chemistry in Action' day at the Royal Society of Chemistry. Students enjoyed interactive lectures with five leading chemists in academia and industry who spoke on a range of topics including rare earth elements, chemistry's role in conflict, and cutting-edge forensic techniques. In addition to learning about potential areas of study at university, students enjoyed sessions on exam success to equip them with the tools to excel in A level Chemistry!



SUMMER LOOK-AHEAD

House Captains & Heads of School

The race has been on to find our new prefects, Heads of School, and House Captains for the 2023-24 Academic Year. Students went through at least two interviews to explain why they wanted to apply for the role and what they hoped to bring to it. While all of the students that applied are to be congratulated, we are delighted to announce the following new school representatives:

Effra

Joseph Z. & Shawna O.

Fleet

Jonas BN & Markos B.

Tyburn

Anna R. (Y10) & Ben M.

Walbrook

Vanesa P. & Raphael F.

Prefects

Anais I., Felix C., Anton B., Sophia B., Mariia B. (Y10), and Lilly S-M

Heads of School

Lower School: Giulia S., Sebastian S. (Y10)

Sixth Form: Lola H., Nick Y.

Exam Season

With Exam season just around the corner, our Year 11s and Year 13s are hard at work preparing for their GCSE and A level examinations. We wish them a productive Easter break with some well deserved rest, and the very best of luck with their upcoming exams!

From Sorrento to Singapore

On the final day of term, a selection of teachers and students headed for the airport, for the first of two exciting trips we have planned for the Easter Break and Summer Term.

First up is our Classical Civilisation tour of Italy, exploring historical sites from the ancient world such as Sorrento, Naples, and Pompeii. During Summer, students will embark on our first-ever trip to East Asia, joining Perse School Cambridge for a language-focused excursion to Singapore. We wish them all a pleasant journey, and look forward to seeing the photos upon their return!

Sixth Form Prom

This year's prom will take place on 5 May at the beautiful Hux Hotel in Kensington, with staff working around-the-clock to prepare what is sure to be the highlight of the calendar year for our Sixth Form students – stay tuned!